

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the students, advisors and Career and Technical Education Director of the Clinton High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, several such noteworthy students are Alyshia Phillips, Emily Julian, John Gentry, and Tyler Moore, four members of the Clinton High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) who recently took home first place at the National Environmental and Natural Resource Career Development Event; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton High School FFA Chapter is the first Tennessee FFA Chapter to win top honors at the event; and

WHEREAS, competing with public and private schools, these four students demonstrated outstanding leadership and skill, first earning top honors in the Tennessee Envirothon and then going on to represent Tennessee in the National Environmental and Natural Resource Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, where they placed first in the nation; and

WHEREAS, environmental and natural resource education is designed to ensure an educated public and to prepare students to enter careers in the environmental and natural resource industry; and

WHEREAS, incorporating an objective and written exam, a team activity, and identification of material and individual practicums, the National Environmental and Natural Resource Career Development Event was created to stimulate student interest and to promote

environmental and natural resource instruction in the agricultural education curriculum, recognizing those students who demonstrate superior skill in the industry as a result of their instruction; and

WHEREAS, of the more than 7,200 FFA Chapters in 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, more than 200 students competed for top honors in the recent event; and

WHEREAS, the honored students who represented Clinton High School and won first place in the nation each performed remarkably well in the event, bringing great pride to Clinton High School and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Alyshia Phillips won a personal second place rank and received a gold medal; Emily Julian won a personal third place rank and also received a gold medal; John Gentry ranked number forty-eight and received a silver medal; and Tyler Moore ranked number ninety-one and also received a silver medal; and

WHEREAS, these students succeeded under the astute guidance of David Rogers and Rodney Mann, who give of their time and many talents as the FFA Advisors at Clinton High School, and Larry Foster, who is the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director; and

WHEREAS, the students, advisors, and CTE Director of the Clinton High School Chapter of the FFA firmly reflect the FFA's mission to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Alyshia Phillips, Emily Julian, John Gentry, and Tyler Moore, along with the advisors and the Career and Technical Education Director of the Clinton High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America upon winning top honors in the nation at the recent National Environmental and Natural Resource Career Development event, honor this great achievement, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.